



FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH-BELTSVILLE, Inc.

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The FAR-B Board of Directors met on January 11, 1994 in Room 238 Conference room, Bldg. 003. Those in attendance were A. A. Piringer, William Bailey, William Hollis, A.A. Hanson, Morton Beroza, John Moseman, Pat Jackson, Gordon Marten, and Ginger Hupfer. Guests at the meeting included Ashok Raina, Mickey McGuire and Steve Berberich.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by President, John Moseman. The minutes were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT - MR. WILLIAM BAILEY

The report was approved as read (copy enclosed).

DR. MORTON BEROZA led a discussion on the proposed new FAR-B brochure. Some of the items discussed included, FAR-B is dedicated to the Agricultural Research Service which is local, national and international, the 8 areas of the ARS, ARS vs ARES.

SYMPOSIUM XIX REPORT - DR. MORTON BEROZA, GINGER HUPFER

We have received our brochures from the printer, and our labels from Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB). We are expecting labels from the American Dietetic Association (ADA). Several students are applying labels to the brochures. We are working with the Beltsville Post Office on getting a bulk rate permit to use in our mailing, saving \$700-\$800. We have received a total of \$2,125 from solicitation of industry (Uncle Ben, \$1,000; Shoppers Food Warehouse, \$25; Nutrilite Products Inc., \$100; The Sugar Assoc., Inc., \$1,000)

The Symposium Committee was concerned about requesting Human Nutrition Field Centers to contact the industry they were working with for contributions. Dr. Marten said we should contact Wilda Martinez, Associate Deputy Administrator and/or Jackie Dupont, National Program Leader of the National Program Staff. Dr. Marten said the Information Staff (Bob Norton) and Dr. Spence must be included in the Wednesday, May 11 "Press Afternoon". Jane Wall has volunteered to help in the final editing of the brochure. Dr. Moseman read a memo regarding the Committee for the Institute of Medicine and Food Nutrition Board. They urged the President to hold a major White House Conference on food and nutrition and health in 1994. Since this is the subject of our symposium, perhaps we could get some publicity and invite various groups to the symposium. Dr. Marten said we should check with the NPS and see what they know about it.

DR. ASHOK RAINA represented the 1994 BARC Poster Day to be held March 10. He reported there are already 57 posters and the program

will be divided into an a.m. and p.m. session to be held in the Conference Room in Building 005. They have planned a "townhouse meeting" and luncheon from 11:45-1:15 in the 011A Conference room. Dr. Raina invited the FAR-B BOD to attend the session and the luncheon. In addition this year, approximately 30 science oriented High School students will come to view the posters. The Committee is planning to provide them with refreshments. The cost of the luncheon is estimated to be \$357.50, the snacks for the students, \$42.00, totalling \$399.50. Dr. Raina presented a request that FAR-B fund the food. Bill Hollis moved that FAR-B fund this, Al Piringer seconded the motion. It passed.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. GORDON MARTEN

- Betty Dyer broke her wrist and will return to work in March. Elaine McGuire is temporarily working for Dr. Murrell and Alice Murray is Dr. Marten's secretary.
- The recision bill is still pending. The House has passed their version and the Senate hopes to have their action by mid-February.
- reorganization - nothing major to report. The Department hopes to have this in place by mid-February. Congress will act at their discretion. Dr. Marten said there will be no change at the area level and below. The change is in the National Program Staff. There will probably be another layer in the administrator's layer.
- On February 7 the President's budget will be sent forward to Congress. On January 25 the President will give his State of the Union.
- We expect reductions in FTE's. We're well below the ceiling for fiscal 94. We'll have a reduction in fiscal 95.
- modernization - the stacks on the new building will be covered with a concrete-like material. Dr. Marten brought a 15% plan of the master plan. The boundary survey is finished. The plan will be completed by the spring of 96.
- Assistant Secretary Townsend told Dr. Marten funding for USDA building complex is in FY 95. It comprises 600,000 sq. ft and will be a campus of buildings located at BARC for all scattered USDA employees, employees of the South and Administrative Buildings. They are going to gut and rebuild these buildings. They will be permanent but not be high rise. There will be a public hearing Monday, January 31 at the Beltsville Public Library, 4319 Sellman Road, Beltsville, MD. These new buildings will pay for themselves in seven years with the savings generated by consolidation.
- We're starting more collaborative research with Israel. There will be a workshop held in the Washington area on the subject of horticultural use of reclaimed water.
- Dr. Marten handed out the selected basic design for our new controlled environment facility. Hoping for funding in fiscal 95.
- Dr. Marten met in Newark, NJ with the SARAE/ACE (Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education; ACE is the program of

EPA). He is on the Administrative Council. They will visit Beltsville in June of 1995.

- The Systematic Science Complex will hold the insect taxonomists.

MR. STEPHEN BERBERICH - Steve brought his annotated copy of the new FAR-B brochure. He would like to see a few more features of the National Visitor Center included in the brochure. When Morton Beroza has had time to consider the various suggestions to his initial write-up, he and Steve will work together. Steve mentioned he was still working on the "Road Scholar" program to have volunteers lead public tours of Beltsville. He plans to have volunteer luncheons to get them involved. Steve plans to put messages out on E mail, word of mouth and will write up an article for the Newsletter. Steve said the present reorganization plan is to have a public affairs office for 6 or 7 agencies, Research, Education and Economics Group under one supervisor downtown.

NEWSLETTER - MRS. PAT JACKSON

Pat will work with Ginger on the January-February Newsletter. They will include a reminder for the annual meeting in March.

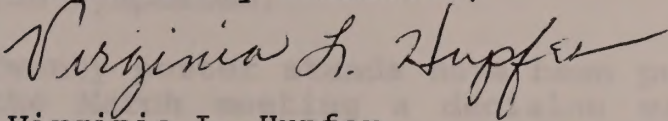
MEMBERSHIP - Bill Bailey will bring a list of the 20 or so members who have not paid their dues to the next meeting and we will make telephone calls. Morton Beroza's said his list from Dr. Marten was without addresses and were not broken down into those who would be most likely to want to support FAR-B. He may return his list to Dr. Marten to return to Research Leaders for addresses and position.

ROUND ROBIN

Gus Hanson told the group that Bob Howe passed away.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Virginia L. Hupfer
Executive Secretary

* * * * * Next Meeting * * * * *

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING IS TUESDAY, February 8, 1994, 1:00 p.m., Room 238, Building 003



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The meeting was called to order at 1:10 by President, John Moseman.

Dr. Moseman passed around a list of prospective FAR-B members Dr. Marten provided. BOD members were to select those names they would be willing to call.

Bob Howe should have read Bob Howell. The minutes were approved as amended.

John Moseman announced Bill Hollis broke his leg and is in a cast.

SYMPOSIUM XIX REPORT - GINGER HUPFER

The Symposium received \$2,000 from the Coco Cola Company and \$1,000 from Nabisco Food Group, making total contributions \$5,125. Three thousand additional has been promised. Approximately 6,000 symposium flyers have been sent. We got a bulk rate permit, saving approximately \$700-\$800. Some responses are coming in. The letter inviting the politicians has been forwarded for Dr. Murrell and Dr. Finney's approval. Letters to the speakers are being prepared, which will include Guidelines for Preparing Manuscripts for the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition. Ginger is in the process of getting her computer equipment transferred to the Government. Dr. Marten inquired about the cost of publishing the proceedings. Ginger will have that information for the March meeting.

Dr. Moseman commented that we have signed the Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding with the Area Office to proceed with the Symposium.

Twenty poster stands have been purchased by the Area Office. At the March meeting a decision will be made whether FAR-B will purchase more stands for Symposium needs.

Amy Rossman, Research Leader of the Systematic Botany & Mycology Laboratory, put forth a proposal to FAR-B to handle the financial aspects of a workshop on "Measuring & Monitoring Biological Diversity: Standard Methods for Fungi". Frank Longen said he felt the funds could flow through our existing Symposium fund. Ginger will give Amy a copy of FAR-B's solicitation letter. Gus Hanson made the motion to be the facilitator for the workshop. Frank Longen seconded the motion. It carried.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. GORDON MARTEN

- The President's budget was revealed 2/7/94. Twenty two ARS programs are identified for closure. Three programs in Beltsville Area are impacted; however, if possible there will be no reduction in force. This is just a proposal.
- Slated For New Initiatives in ARS - 1) Waste Utilization 2) Integrated Pest Management 3) Biodiversity of Wetlands 4) Food Safety 5) Alternatives to methyl bromide 6) Food Composition Labeling.
- Soil Conservation Service is still planning an initiative along Soil Conservation Road; how to conserve and display the natural resources.
- There is an inter-agency task force looking into deer control.
- Beltsville has a new Administrative Officer. John Van De Vaarst comes to us with impressive credentials.
- Poster Day, 3/10/94, is progressing as planned. They anticipate 55-57 posters. Dr. Marten thanked FAR-B for sponsoring the luncheon for the presenters. The posters will be displayed in Bldg. 005 and the luncheon will be in Bldg. 011A.

TREASURER'S REPORT - MR. WILLIAM BAILEY

The report was approved as read (copy enclosed).

OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter - Pat Jackson said she hadn't received all articles. Frank Longen will submit an article on membership renewal. Dr. Moseman would like to see the Newsletter mailed by February 15, giving FAR-B members ample notice of our Annual Meeting, 3/8/94.

BROCHURE

Dr. Beroza said he got very good comments on the revised brochure. He wants Jane Wall to review it. He will also see Steve Berberich about the illustrations.

Frank Longen passed around the membership list. BOD members will call to invite them to attend the annual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The March Board of Directors meeting will be held at 1:00, March 8, in the Lincoln Room at the Visitor Center; the Annual meeting will be in the Theater Room. Gus Hanson (the only officer up for election) has agreed to serve for another three years. Dr. Murrell will be our main speaker. Ginger will prepare refreshments.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Virginia L. Huffer

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SYMPOSIUM XIX REPORT - DR. JOAN CONWAY AND DR. WILLIAM RUMPLER

Joan explained that she and Bill Rumpler decided to put forth the idea of the mission of the Energy and Protein Lab which is to identify what determines energy requirements in healthy adults as a symposium topic to increase the visibility of their work. All of the speakers have been notified. Travel Authorizations are in the Area Office. Dr. Rumsey is underwriting the cost of Chris Reynolds travel since he will remain and finish a project for Dr. Rumsey. We have 14 speakers for whom we will provide transportation; 13 are local. We have been working with Jim De Quattro of the Information Staff. An invitation (with their fees waived) is being sent to the press this week. We have chosen "Windows" to cater our banquet. The normal \$10,000 fee was waived for us as a result of Dr. Murrell's letter to the Director of the Museum of Natural History. We must pay for necessary staff and absorb the cost of several Smithsonian Dignitaries. The cost of the banquet is \$52.00 plus \$6.00 for bus transportation. We have the Area Office's permission to accept beer, wine, and spirits for the Symposium donated by the Trade Group of the Distillers of America. As a result of this, we will save about \$6,000. The beer, wine, and spirits will be delivered to FAR-B at the Holiday Inn. Rhona Applebaum who is responsible for this gift, visited our Lab. She may be interested in supporting Post-Docs in our Lab in the future. Dr. Conway said we have \$9,125 promised from Industry and \$7,125 in hand. There are 20 registrants and 20 posters. Dr. Marten told FAR-B that the Area Office had purchased 20 poster stands. The stands will be stored in 011A.

BUDGET - Dr. Rumpler said from his contacts, we would have received more industry contributions had we solicited perhaps a year earlier because of 1/2 year-calendar year budgets. Dr. Marten said we should alert Drs. Norman and Knipling. Bill said 150 registrants would be break even for us financially. Bill reported we projected \$10,500 to bring the speakers in; entertainment (breaks, banquet, reception, and poster session), \$38,000. To this point we have spent \$5,000 advertizing. Publication cost will run \$25,000. It will come out as a Supplement to the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition. The charge is \$7.00 to buy additional copies. The publication will be sent to the Journal by the end of June or July. We hope for a six month turnaround.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. GORDON MARTEN

- John Creech, Former Director of the Arboretum, visited Beltsville to present a history of the Arboretum.
- Don't forget Poster Day Thursday. The posters will be in Bldg. 005. Dr. Plowman will attend the luncheon sponsored by FAR-B. Dr. Murrell will also attend. The new poster stands will be available to view.
- Three labs sites are proposed for closure; the Delaware-Ohio location of the U.S. National Arboretum, the tobacco research at Beltsville, and the Livestock Insects Lab. There will be no R.I.F.'s. There are 22 locations nationwide that are involved.
- New Initiatives - We haven't been explicitly told what is proposed for Beltsville. We can hope that money will be obligated to Beltsville for "Food Composition Labeling", "Food Safety", "Alternatives to methyl bromide", and "Waste Utilization".
- The Human Nutrition Information Service will be merged with ARS within the next 30 days.
- Early out retirements have been offered ARS-wide. Employees have to make a decision by the end of May. Buyouts are still being debated.
- José Amador is still being considered a nominee for Assistant Secretary.
- Tomorrow (March 9), the Senate marks up their version of their version of the reorganization of USDA. The House doesn't favor having CSRS and the Extension Service merged with ARS.
- The dedication of the Dairy Building has been moved to Monday, April 25, at 1:30. The dedication of the Plant Science Building will occur in October.

TREASURER'S REPORT - MR. WILLIAM BAILEY

The report was approved as read (copy enclosed).

BROCHURE

Dr. Beroza said he visited several printers and the price for 3,000 runs about \$400. Morton showed different illustrations and their possible use in making the brochure look more modern. We want to update the Beltsville map to include the Greenbelt Metro Station. Steve Berberich wants his office telephone number included in the brochure for possible inquiries. Dr. Beroza also wants to mention that contributions are tax deductible. He would like to have the brochure on green paper. Frank Longen suggested we order 5,000.

MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Moseman will work with Dr. Beroza on the list of retirees for possible membership. Dr. Conway suggested that an invitation to join FAR-B be put out on teletail.

OUTSTANDING SCIENTIST AWARD

John Moseman a committee to include George Irving, Morton Beroza, and Gus Hanson to review the resumes of the nominees, D. Mark Hegsted, June Kelsay, Mary Marshall and Walter Mertz.

NEW BUSINESS

John Moseman said he was contacted by Barbara Glenn about the possibility of FAR-B providing the luncheon for the dedication of the Dairy Science Building, April 25. The group agreed at a cost of \$300-\$400.

Dr. Moseman thanked Pat Jackson for getting the Newsletter out.

Frank Longen suggested that we ask Dr. Murrell to announce at an RL meeting that FAR-B is available for employees to join at \$10 as an Associate Member.

Respectfully Submitted,

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NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING IS TUESDAY, April 12, 1994, 1:00 p.m., Lincoln Room, Visitor Center.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. K. DAWN MURRELL

- The Department of Energy is meeting with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary. With the downsizing of the Defense Department, many of the Department of Energy must find a new mission. Several of these national laboratories are located in Agricultural Research. We have always had an AGS interaction with specific projects of DOE. The meeting is Agency wide, but we are hosting the meeting. The meetings are designed to develop an action plan, which will describe what the organizational structure will be.
- We have a delegation coming tomorrow from China. It is a high level delegation including the Counselor for Science & Technology and the Minister of Agriculture with an entourage of about 30 people. Deputy Secretary Robinson, Gene Florman and Susan Finney are personally meeting them around. They will visit here and the Arboretum.
- The pickle packers will visit here next Monday.
- Dr. Murrell thanked FAR-B for furnishing the luncheon for



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President John Moseman called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

He commented that Poster Day, March 10, was a very successful occasion. There were over 55 posters displayed.

SYMPOSIUM XIX REPORT - DR. JOAN CONWAY

To date, we have \$11,125.00 in industry support. We can buy the alcohol for the banquet & reception directly from the distributor at bulk prices. The poster session Tuesday night will have a cash bar. We currently have sixty six registrants who have paid a total of \$10,266. We anticipate more on the spot registrants and employees of the Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center. We anticipate 90 registrants and 27 speakers. We are close to the break even point. The Proceedings constitute the biggest cost to us. John Moseman and Frank Longen said that if it looks like we're not going to make out financially, the Proceedings can be paid out of Federal funds if necessary. Dr. Conway said a representative from Prevention magazine and Cable News Network would be attending. Also, 85% of the manuscripts are in hand. We have 20 posters. We will also have displays from various Labs called "Food for Humans Research at BARC". Dr. Murrell offered Dr. Conway \$750 from salary lapse money.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. K. DARWIN MURRELL

- The Department of Energy is meeting with us Monday and Tuesday. With the downsizing of the Defense Department, many of the Department of Energy must find a new mission. Several of those National Laboratories got interested in Agricultural Research. We have always had an ARS interaction with specific projects of DOE. The meeting is Agency wide, but we are hosting the meeting. The meetings are designed to develop an action plan, which will describe what the organizational structure will be.
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Poster Day. The new poster stands worked well.

- Reorganization of the Department - The Senate will probably finish it's deliberations this month. The reorganization of the Human Nutrition Center was in place late last summer. It was September until March until it cleared the Secretary's Office. There were no R.I.F.'s or downsizing. Recruitment from the outside must be approved by the Secretary.
- We are preparing for the summer field days.
- We are beginning to put together the Scientist of the Year Nominations.
- We have started on the ARMPS for next year. By June we'll be putting together the budget for next year.
- Monday, April 25 is the dedication of the new Dairy Research Facility.
- Toxic waste - We are having a public meeting April 26 in the auditorium at 7:00. Forty four sites were identified that needed to be looked at for potential hazardous waste sites. After a preliminary study the figure was reduced to 14 sites. Concurrently from their own study, E.P.A. (using aerial photography going back to the 1930's) came up with 92 sites. It was determined that much of them were land that was disturbed by farming. At the end of April or first part of May, USDA will come out on the National Priorities List (which means we're eligible for super funds). However, it lends an aura of hazard and waste to Beltsville which is not justified. We have no serious problems. .
- Dr. Murrell is having meetings with FSIS about entering into a joint venture to build a new building.
- FDA facility - Most recent information we have is that they are going to build the second stage of the Center for Veterinarian Medicine on their own land. They plan to move the Center for Food Safety and Nutrition to Prince George's County possibly on their own land. Objections are being raised that there will be too many people in one area.
- USDA Complex - The decision may depend on the Environmental Impact Statement. They will have to deal with the traffic issue. This issue is being handled completely by the Department. Our role has been to find a spot of land for the building.

Dr. Jim Vaughn talked about Integrated Pest Management Field Day and said Sustainable Agriculture would be having a field Day as well. Since the entomologists have been trying to convince the Sustainable Agriculture scientists that they ought to control insects in their plots as well; there was a suggestion that they merge the two into a single Field Day. The Field Day has been set for July 20. He described the tentative program. Jim said they have the Conference Room in Bldg. 005 reserved for lunch. Dr. Vaughn requested that FAR-B furnish the luncheon for 75 or 80 people at \$9.95. Gus Hanson moved that we provide lunch. Pat Jackson seconded the motion. It carried. John Moseman suggested that paid members of FAR-B should be on the mailing list. Ginger will get that list to Jim Vaughn.

MR. WILLIAM BAILEY read the treasurer's report (copy enclosed). The report was approved as read. Frank Longen asked Bill if he had received the tax forms for filing. He mentioned the deadline was May 15.

MORTON BEROZA displayed the latest version of the new FAR-B brochure. He said it was at the printer and should have it by Monday. The bill was \$657 for 5,000 brochures. Dr. Moseman expressed his appreciation for all the work Dr. Beroza did.

STEVE BERBERICH introduced the new directory of the Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber. Steve said that Walt Townsend, who is the President of the Corridor Chamber felt it was a good time to bring all of the Directors of the Visitor Centers together and have an info-fare to let others know what we do. He may be interested in working through FAR-B in raising funds. Steve said 15 people have joined the "Road Scholar" program. Steve asked if it would be worth considering funding another intern for the Visitor Center this summer. Frank Longen suggested that perhaps we should alternate funding a summer intern between the Visitor Center and the Magazine Section of the Information Staff.

GUS HANSON said Dr. Walter Mertz was selected Outstanding Scientist. Dr. Hanson gave Frank Longen the citation for the plaque. Gus moved that the awardee and citation be accepted. It was seconded. It carried by voice vote. Frank Longen volunteered to notify Dr. Mertz that he was voted Outstanding Scientist.

ROUND ROBIN

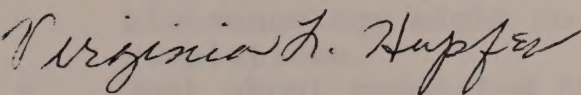
Bill Bailey - 3 people contributed extra money for registration.

Frank Longen- Phil Breakiron, a former FAR-B member passed away.

Ginger Hupfer - The next FAR-B meeting is scheduled for the Tuesday when the Symposium will be in progress. It was decided to postpone the meeting one week (Tuesday, May 17, 1994 in building 003).

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Virginia L. Hupfer
Executive Secretary

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NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING IS TUESDAY, May 17, 1994, 1:00 p.m., Room 238, Building 003



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The meeting was called to order at 1:05 by President, John Moseman.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

John Moseman complimented Morton Beroza on the new FAR-B brochure, and said some were distributed at the symposium.

SYMPOSIUM XIX REPORT - DR. JOAN CONWAY

John Moseman said he was very pleased with the way the Symposium was run and thanked the Committee for the banquet tickets. Joan distributed a case of Snackwell Cookies to meeting attendees. These were donated by Nabisco for the Symposium. Preliminary figures from Dr. Rumpler indicate we took in \$22,685 from registration. We had a total of 161 paid participants and over 252 registrants. This included the speakers and invited guests. Dr. Conway estimates that we will be running even or in the black.

Dr. Marten introduced **Don Bills**. He talked briefly about the combined Sustainable Agriculture and Integrated Pest Management field day to be held July 20, 1994. Dr. Bills thanked FAR-B for sponsoring lunch.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. GORDON MARTEN

- Some of the highlights -
- Dr. Marten said again, that he felt the symposium was very successful.
- On 4/21/94, the Floral and Nursery Plants Research Unit had a very successful biotechnology day. It attracted tremendous attention because it brought in a couple of experts from industry who addressed some issues for the future about what biotechnology might do. He listed five major points that are revelations.
- Just about completed the 1994 series of lab reviews.
- Dr. Murrell's secretary, Betty Dyer retired on May 2. Elaine McGuire is now Dr. Murrell's secretary and Dr. Marten is recruiting.
- Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center has been restructured. We've restructured the animal parasitology.
- Mark Jenkins is the Chairperson for Poster Day 1995. He will work with James Avery.

BILL BAILEY read the treasurer's report. It was approved as read.

John Moseman suggested that he, Frank Longen, and Bill Bailey will work together in getting out postcards to those members who have not paid their dues.

John Moseman and Bill Bailey will talk to Bill Wergin about the proceeds from the stamp booth at the Symposium.

There will be no meetings in July and August.

There will be a field trip following the June 14th meeting, coordinated by Don Bills and Steve Berberich. We will travel by bus and explore some fields by foot.

There being no further business for the Good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 2:25.

Respectfully Submitted,

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NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING IS TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1994, 1:00 p.m., Room 238, Building 003.

MR. WILLIAM BAYLEY read the Treasurer's report (copy enclosed). The report was approved as read.

STEVE BERBERICH announced that they had selected their summer student that FAR-B is funding. The bill is in hand 5/20/94. Steve said that once 10-12 volunteers for the "Good Scholar" program. Steve thanked FAR-B for the funding.



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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by President, John Moseman.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. K. DARWIN MURRELL

- Dr. Larry Johnson, Research Leader of the Germplasm and Gamete Physiology Laboratory won the Alexander Von Humboldt award for gender preselection in mammals. He was also selected Area Scientist of the Year.
- Early Career Scientist of the year is Eric P. Hoberg.
- BARC was listed on the National priorities list for EPA. Management held public meetings to inform the public about what this means. Beltsville instituted a new program - not to spray a 100 foot minimum strip around all fences near housing.
- budget - We got the House mark up last week. ARS got about a \$1M cut. Beltsville didn't get any modernization money. This is the first time since 1987 that we got no funds at all. Dr. Murrell talked to Sarbanes and Mikulski's staffers. They are a little more optimistic that something can be done on the Senate side. Frank Longen suggested that Dr. Murrell draft up a letter for FAR-B's signature to send to politicians on the modernization money.
- The Agency has proposed to close 19 locations around the country (three at Beltsville). The Agriculture Sub-committee accepted all of them but five.
- The dedication of the new Plant Sciences Building is scheduled for October 18, at 1:00 p.m.
- Malcomb Thompson is going to be elected into the Hall of Fame whenever we have the ceremony.

MR. WILLIAM BAILEY read the treasurer's report (copy enclosed). The report was approved as read.

STEVE BERBERICH announced that they had selected their summer student that FAR-B is funding. She will be on board 6/20/94. Steve said there were 18-19 volunteers for the "Road Scholar" program. Steve thanked FAR-B for the funding.

SYMPOSIUM XX REPORT - DR. DUANE NORMAN & DR. VERNON PURSEL

Dr. Pursel said the symposium is planned for May 14-17, 1995. The title is "Biotechnology's Role in the Genetic Improvement of Farm Animals". Members of the Program Committee are Duane Norman, Vernon Pursel, Murray Bakst, Joan Lunney, Robert Miller, Caird Rexroad, Morton Beroza and George Irving from FAR-B, and Ginger Hupfer, Secretary. Most of the speakers are chosen. After the morning sessions, the Committee plans a noon buffet at the Holiday Inn, where 1/2 of the posters will be presented. Tuesday's program will be scientific sessions in the a.m. with the noon buffet and the second poster session. We plan to invite Congressman Charles Stenholm to talk about Congressional's concern in biotechnology. We plan to have panel discussions to involve the audience. The Symposium Committee does not want to have a banquet. Discussion followed as to when to give the FAR-B award. It was concluded to decide at a later date. A meeting will be scheduled with Morton Beroza, George Irving, Duane Norman, Vernon Pursel and Ginger Hupfer at a future date.

NEWSLETTER - John Moseman said the Newsletter had been published in June or July in previous years. Pat Jackson will start making calls for news articles.

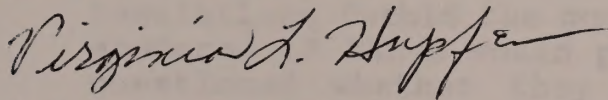
George Irving suggested we skip July's meeting and make our decision for August after that. It was agreed upon.

ROUND ROBIN

George Irving - the American Chemical Society is asking for volunteers to be docents for their exhibit entitled "Science in American Life" at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. Please contact the Museum by July 20, 1994.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The group then went on a field trip coordinated by Don Bills and Steve Berberich.

Respectfully Submitted,



Virginia L. Hupfer
Executive Secretary

* * * * * Next Meeting * * * * *

THERE WILL BE NO BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING IN JULY. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IF THERE WILL BE A MEETING IN AUGUST.



FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH-BELTSVILLE, Inc.

P.O. Box 1061
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The FAR-B Board of Directors met on September 13, 1994 in Room 238 Conference Room, Bldg. 003. Those in attendance were John Moseman, George Irving, Bill Hollis, Morton Beroza, Frank Longen, Al Piringer, Judy St. John, and Ginger Hupfer. Guests at the meeting included Vernon Pursel.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by President, John Moseman.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - DR. JOHN MOSEMAN

- The July 20 Field Day was very well attended. FAR-B furnished the luncheon for guests.
- At the June meeting we were asked to send letters to our U.S. Senators and Representatives to lend their support to provide funds for BARC's modernization in the FY-95 budget. We received a reply from Sarbanes and Mikulski.
- Steve Berberich expressed his appreciation for the summer student we funded.
- The Newsletter will go out in September.

SYMPOSIUM XX REPORT - DR. VERNON PURSEL

Dr. Steven J. O'Brien will be our Keynote Speaker. The Committee intends to invite Congressman Stenholm, working with Loretta Owens in the Administration Building. Our Editor will be Dr. Bob Miller. He has obtained bids from several publishers. The Committee has asked him to go ahead with the American Dairy Science Association. It will be a separate publication.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. JUDY ST. JOHN

- The dedication of the new Plant Sciences Building is scheduled for October 18, at 1:00 p.m. Judy made a request that FAR-B supply refreshments for the event (est. \$1,000). She also explained that the Conference Room in the new building is in need of a stove and a small refrigerator (est. \$1,300). Since regulations forbid the government purchase of such items, she wondered if FAR-B would purchase these items. Frank Longen questioned whether they could be transferred to the ARS inventory and if they could accept them as donations. Judy St. John will check on this. Bill Hollis made the motion that FAR-B furnish refreshments for the dedication. Morton Beroza seconded the motion. It carried.
- USDA reorganization. The Secretary's position still calls for combination of ARS, CSRS, Extension Service, and the NAL.
- \$5 M modernization money is still intact.

There was discussion on the purchase of the stove and refrigerator. It was unanimously decided that they should have the appliances.

OLD BUSINESS

John Moseman said the BOD will have to do more to attract new members and follow-up on those who are delinquent.

NEW BUSINESS

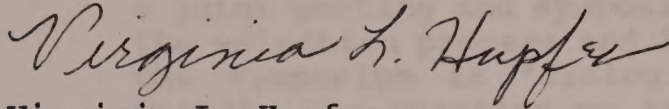
John Moseman said the Fruit Lab was holding an open house November 11, for small Fruit Associations. They requested that FAR-B furnish the luncheon for outside guests (approximately 20). A motion was made by George Irving that we furnish the luncheon. It was seconded by Morton Beroza. The motion carried.

John said that another request had been made by BHNRC to assist with the refreshments at their monthly seminars. After John told the group the feelings of Dr. Murrell, the group felt the refreshments should be paid by lab members.

Ginger Hupfer said we had a \$25.00 merchandise certificate from Shoppers Food Warehouse. It was decided to give it to Judy St. John to use for the dedication. Ginger will see that she gets it.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Virginia L. Hupfer
Executive Secretary

* * * * * Next Meeting * * * * *

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1994, 1:00 p.m., Room 238, Building 003.



FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH-BELTSVILLE, Inc.

P.O. Box 1061

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AMENDED

The FAR-B Board of Directors met on October 11, 1994 in Room 238 Conference Room, Bldg. 003. Those in attendance were George Irving, Morton Beroza, Al Piringer, Pat Jackson, Bill Bailey, Bill Hollis, Frank Longen, John Moseman, K. Darwin Murrell, and Lora Tanner. Guests at the meeting included Amy Rossman.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by President, John Moseman.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. K. DARWIN MURRELL

- Dr. Murrell introduced Amy Rossman and said that she put forward a proposal in conjunction with Henry Shands of the Program Staff and Elaine Hogland who is the executive director of the American Systematics Collections. Amy extended an invitation to ASC to hold their 1996 meeting in Beltsville. Dr. Murrell said perhaps that would be a good opportunity for a joint meeting and symposium. The suggestion was put through the selection process and it succeeded. The proposed title of the symposium is "Biological Research Resources--Who Owns What?" The question we hope to address is--what will we do with the biological resources if they become profitable? To whom does that profit belong? Diversity Magazine, a magazine that does a lot of communicating internationally about plant genetic resources and microbial resources, said they will publish the Symposium in a special issue.
- Secretary Espy is resigning. The Assistant Secretary has withdrawn his name from consideration. Floyd Horne was appointed to be the Deputy Assistant Secretary.
- There are 10 (19 proposed but only 10 approved) locations closed in the Agency. Here at Beltsville, we closed out Livestock Insects Lab and tobacco research.
- The budget cap is a big problem. New mandates have to take the place of old projects.
- The dedication of the new Plant Sciences Building is scheduled for October 18, 1994.
- Modernization - is still barely on track. We got \$3.96 million.
- Master Plan - We are about half-way in the Master Plan. With a Master Plan, we can account for every inch of land here and plan for the future.
- Reorganization - will be implemented by the first of December. As far as ARS is concerned, it has little impact. CSRS and ES will combine. ARS and NAL will combine. The plans have to be in by October 24, 1994; and begin implementing by December 1.

MR. WILLIAM BAILEY handed out the treasurer's report for September and October. (copies enclosed) It was accepted as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

Pat Jackson said the Newsletter will be out soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Moseman said Ginger is working with Dr. Pursel on the solicitation letter and a list of perspective industry. John thinks the letters should go out before the end of the year.

DR. MORTON BEROZA said he wanted a copy of the notebook prepared by Barbara Leonhardt. He said he wanted a copy for Amy Rossman too.

MR. FRANK LONGEN moved that we change the membership year to January through December. It was seconded. The motion passed. It was decided that members who had not paid this year would not be assessed until January.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lora A. Tanner, Acting
Executive Secretary

for Virginia A. Huffer

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THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1994, 1:00 p.m., Room 238, Building 003



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AMENDED

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The minutes were approved as amended.

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AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. GORDON MARTEN

- Dr. Marten distributed a flyer from the combined 1993-1994 "Celebration of Excellence" held in the auditorium October 26, 1994. He briefly went over the awards and highlighted some exceptional awards. There will be a ceremony on November 30 at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium for the ARS Scientist of the Year. It will include all 8 areas.
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- Beltsville received nine headquarters funded research associates positions this year.
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- American Type Culture Collection is interested in building near the College Park Metro stop.
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- Beltsville is going into a major energy conserving campaign.

SYMPOSIUM XX REPORT - DR. DUANE NORMAN

The Symposium Committee met this morning. Most of the time was spent trying to establish the registration fees. The tentative fee was set at \$175, \$75 for students, \$75 for accompanying persons and \$75 for one day only. We feel our expenses are going to be lower than previous years. The cost of the proceedings, which will be published by the Journal of Dairy Science, will range from \$7,500 - \$8,000. Journal of Dairy Science will provide 500 books. There are a total of 28 speakers. All but two are definite.

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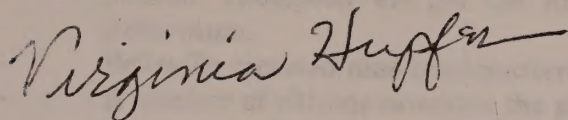
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The minutes were approved as amended.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - DR. JOHN MOSEMAN

- John gave an update on the membership committee's efforts to attract new members, and announced several donations.

SYMPOSIUM XX REPORT - DR. DUANE NORMAN

Duane reviewed Barbara Leonhardt's notebook on symposium suggestions and addressed some of those ideas at the Symposium Committee meeting in December. The Co-Chairs, after working with Bob Norton and Dr. Murrell, had to go through the Government Printing Office to have the brochures printed. They were promised to be delivered in two weeks. Information informed us the brochures had been printed and shipped from New Hampshire and had been lost. They have a tracer on them. Letters were sent to all speakers giving instructions on abstract preparation, manuscript preparation, and information on preparing biographical sketches. We have approximately 6,500 labels from Journal of Animal Science, Journal of Dairy Science, and Poultry Science, and several other mailing lists. We have sent solicitation letters to industry. We have contacted Bill Wergin to tell him we were interested in setting up the Beltsville Post Office Sub Station. We also contacted ARCEA to see if they would set up a display at the Symposium. They were pleased that we let them know so early. We have approved reservation cards from the Holiday Inn. They will include a notification that the room rate includes a buffet breakfast. We estimate travel costs to run approximately \$15,000. Morton Beroza mentioned the FAR-B Scientist of the Year. Duane said they suggested 5 potential scientists.

PAT JACKSON asked Dr. Norman for a write-up on the Symposium for the January Newsletter.

AREA OFFICE REPORT - DR. DONALD BILLS

- Human Nutrition Information Service (HNIS) was reassigned to ARS in July by Congress. We assimilated these people here at BARC. The ones who were assigned to me were assigned to Family Economics Research Group and changed the name to Family Economics and Nutrition Education Unit. Effective December 1, that whole unit was moved out of ARS to Under Secretary Ellen Haas' organization.
- Dr. Bills distributed a handout showing the position of Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics organization.
- He distributed a memo indicating that Floyd Horn will be serving as Acting Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics. Karl Stauber will serve as Acting Deputy Under Secretary for REE. If Congress approves, Stauber will be Under Secretary for REE.
- Dr. Bills explained that, in the reorganization, they are putting together Administrative Management Units that will serve more than an Agency like ARS; it will serve the bigger new Agency, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES).
- Dr. Bills passed out a list of "Recent ARS Awards" and highlighted several scientists receiving awards.
- The new Horticultural Science building will be occupied on March 1, 1995. We started the renovation of Building 001.

- Phil Kearney, Director of the Natural Resources Institute, is going to retire, effective January 3. There will be a reception on Friday, January 13, in Bldg. 003, Rm. 020.
- Dr. Marten requested that we provide refreshments for the CFC "Thank you" reception for Key Workers in January. He estimated it would cost \$100.
- The Administration wondered if FAR-B would like to put up a permanent display in the basement of Bldg. 003. There was some discussion. Frank Longen said Jane Wall has a poster. Frank will pick it up.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Moseman read the treasurer's report. Frank Longen noted that the totals did not add correctly.

ROUND ROBIN

Morton Beroza noted that we should emphasize that FAR-B is an organization to make ARS and the individual scientists look good, (emphasized by the FAR-B "Scientist of The Year Award"). George Irving mentioned that perhaps OPEDA would include an article in it's Newsletter or give us their mailing list. John Moseman said we should check with Holly Hayes about this.

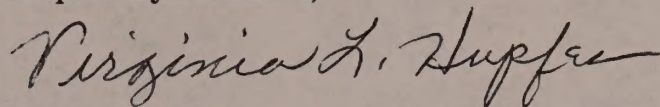
Pat Jackson said she thought perhaps we should put out the Newsletter three times a year. After some discussion, it was decided that we should publish quarterly, but only if there was news, otherwise, publish three times a year - January, April and in the fall.

Ginger mentioned that perhaps we should vote on the luncheon mentioned by Gordon Marten. It was moved and seconded that we provide refreshments. The motion carried.

John Moseman mentioned that he had a call from Joe Spence. The American Distillers Association wants to submit a grant to BHNRC to continue research on the effect of alcohol in relation to nutrition. Dr. Moseman checked with the BOD to see if they agreed FAR-B would accept the grant and then turn it over to BHNRC. It was decided this would be appropriate.

There being no further business for the good of FAR-B, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Virginia L. Hupfer
Executive Secretary

***** Next Meeting *****

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1995, 1:00 p.m., Room 238, Building 003.

